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Mexico

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Mexico due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Mexico due to crime and kidnapping. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required if stay is less than 180 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

(011- 52-55) 5080-2000; US Embassy in Mexico City, Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, 06500 Mexico, D.F.; ACSMexicoCity@state.gov;



<https://mx.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

52

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 065; Fire: 068; Police: 060

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Varies from tropical to desert

Currency (Code)

Mexican pesos (MXN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages

Spanish, indigenous languages

Religions

Roman Catholic 82.7%, Pentecostal 1.6%, Jehovah's Witness 1.4%, other Evangelical Churches 5%

Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins first Sunday in April; ends last Sunday in October; note: Mexico has four time zones

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Mexico, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Cancún and Mayan Riviera; Puerto Vallarta; Cabo San Lucas and Los Cabos Corridor; Copper Canyon; Teotihuacan; Calakmul; Palenque; Mexico City's Historic Center (includes Templo Mayor, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Museum of Anthropology); Chichén Itzá
Major Sports	Soccer, baseball, basketball, boxing
Cultural Practices	When greeting in social situations, women pat each other on the right forearm or shoulder, rather than shake hands.
Tipping Guidelines	It is customary to tip 10-20% of the total bill in restaurants. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip, but giving them 10 pesos is appreciated, especially if they help with your luggage. Tip porters and bellhops 12-26 pesos per bag or more if you have a lot of luggage. Leave 13 pesos a night for housekeeping.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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